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and fair. Such an estimate carries with it our estimate of results, and we can say only one thing of them and that is that they are eminently satisfactory. They seem to us to make emphatic just that which needs emphasis and, as against, in certain instances, the conclusions of writers like Wendt or Holtzmann on the one side and Weiss on the other, to keep the golden mean. The absence of a dogmatic assertiveness, the sympathy with the broad truths of the gospel and the careful discrimination of statement and inference must attract all who have made any study of the Johannine writings. For examples of that to which we refer see the chapters on The Union of the Son with the Father, The Doctrine of Love, The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, The Johannine Eschatology. One rises from the perusal of the book with the feeling that the exalted conceptions of the Gospels and the Epistles are established without the forcing of texts either by reading them apart from their connection or by reading interpretations into them. Words are discussed whenever they, as words, bear upon a doctrine and need elucidation, *e. g.*, the verbs used in the statements regarding prayer or in those regarding love. Indeed with comprehensive and well-balanced treatment the author gives us a clear, trustworthy, helpful view of John's teaching. There is a final chapter containing a comparison of Paul's and John's theology which sets forth the distinctive conceptions of each and also their fundamental unity. The whole book is worthy of careful perusal and is a real addition to the literature concerning the Johannine writings. It is well furnished with a bibliography of the subject and an index of texts and subjects.

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**Aus dem Leben des Propheten Jesaia.** Neun akademische Kanzel-reden, von DR. RUD. KITTEL.

The object of this excellent little book is best stated in the words of the author, who is well-known to students by his *Geschichte der Hebräer*. "Several essays have appeared lately on the relation of the Old Testament, especially of recent Old Testament research to Christian faith. Far be it from me to say a word against them. I deem it however quite as helpful to show by an example how the Old Testament regarded from the point of view of our present knowledge of it can be made profitable to the congregation to a greater extent than has yet been done." The nine addresses (for Dr. Kittel expressly declines to call them sermons) are arranged in chronological order from the prophet's call to the overthrow of the Assyrians. The subjects are all taken from portions of the book which are generally believed to be from the pen of Isaiah. Each address has a suggestive title and bears on some phase of modern life. It is a scholarly, temperate, and devout contribution to homiletic exegesis.

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